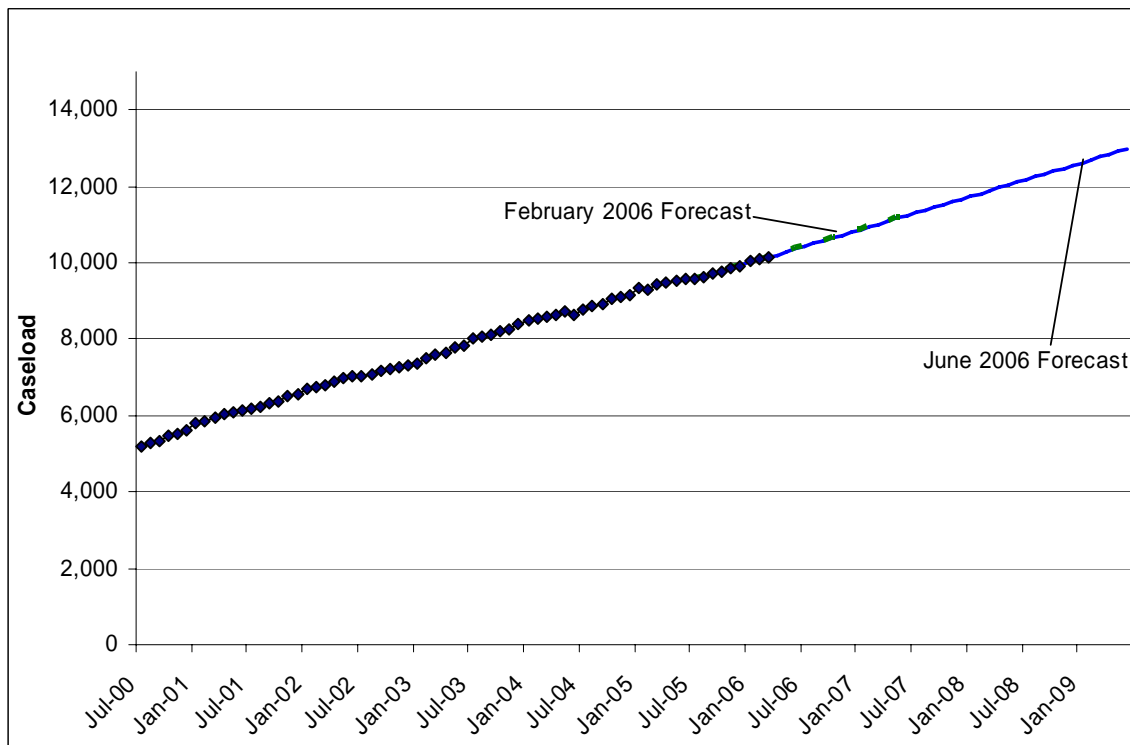


## Adoption Support – Maintenance Payments



### Forecast Comparisons (Fiscal Year Averages)

Fiscal Year	Feb-06 Forecast	Jun-06 Forecast	Feb to Jun Difference	Percent Difference
2006	9,962	9,969	7	0.1%
2007	10,831	10,830	-1	0.0%
2008		11,704		
2009		12,579		

The Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) voted at its November 2005 meeting to change the Adoption Support forecast from a forecast of those eligible for adoption support payments (AS-E) to a forecast of those actually receiving adoption support maintenance payments (AS-MP). While both caseloads have been forecast in the past, the “eligibles” forecast was the “official” forecast and the “maintenance payment” forecast was considered an informal projection. The maintenance payment forecast became the official adoption support caseload forecast beginning with the February 2006 forecast.

The Council made its decision on the recommendation of the Children's Administration forecast technical and formal workgroups. While these two caseloads have each been increasing steadily for several years, the proportion of eligible families receiving maintenance payments gradually increased from 76.2 percent in July 2000 to 88.5 percent in July 2005. The maintenance payment caseload is therefore more directly pertinent to the adoption support budget, and the Council's vote brings the “official” forecast in line with this conclusion.

### Tracking the February 2006 Forecast

	Feb-06 Forecast	Actual	Variance	Percent Variance
Dec-05	9,920	9,923	4	0.0%
Jan-06	9,993	10,065	72	0.7%
Feb-06	10,065	10,072	7	0.1%
Mar-06	10,138	10,154	15	0.2%

### Adoption Support Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change		Caseload
2002-2003	789	12.0%	Actual	7,392
2003-2004	995	13.5%		8,387
2004-2005	821	9.8%		9,208
2005-2006	761	8.3%	Forecast	9,969
2006-2007	861	8.6%		10,830
2007-2008	874	8.1%		11,704
2008-2009	875	7.5%		12,579

The Adoption Support caseload is expected to grow, on average, by 7.8 percent per year for the 2007-09 Biennium.

#### Risks to the Forecast

Risks to the Adoption Support Maintenance Payments forecast are relatively low. This caseload has been growing at a relatively stable rate over time and should continue to do so in the absence of changes to program eligibility.